

106TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2163

To provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 2000

Mr. GORTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

APRIL 12, 2000

Committee discharged; referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CHANDLER PUMPING PLANT AND POWER-**  
4 **PLANT OPERATIONS AT PROSSER DIVERSION**  
5 **DAM, WASHINGTON.**

6 Section 1208 of Public Law 103–434 (108 Stat.  
7 4562) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
3 “OR WATER EXCHANGE” after “ELECTRIFICA-  
4 TION”;

5 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),  
6 and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), re-  
7 spectively, and indenting appropriately;

8 (C) by striking “In order to” and inserting  
9 the following:

10 “(1) ELECTRIFICATION.—In order to”; and

11 (D) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(2) WATER EXCHANGE ALTERNATIVE.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—As an alternative to  
14 the measures authorized under paragraph (1),  
15 the Secretary may use sums appropriated under  
16 paragraph (1) to study the engineering feasi-  
17 bility of exchanging water from the Columbia  
18 River for water historically diverted from the  
19 Yakima River.

20 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out  
21 subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in cooperation  
22 with the Kennewick Irrigation District, shall—

23 “(i) prepare a report that describes  
24 project benefits, contains feasibility level  
25 designs and cost estimates, and secures the

1 critical right-of-way areas for the pipeline  
2 alignment;

3 “(ii) prepare an environmental assess-  
4 ment; and

5 “(iii) conduct such other studies or in-  
6 vestigations as are necessary to develop a  
7 water exchange.”;

8 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “or water  
9 exchange” after “electrification”; and

10 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “electrifica-  
11 tion,” each place it appears and inserting “elec-  
12 trification or water exchange”.

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